

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Fig.s 1,4 and 5. Fig. 1 has element 20 removed. Fig.s 4 and 5 have now dashed the figures that are pre-existing and not part of the invention.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims were revised to better define the elements of the invention construct.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Applicant has modified the term "standard length magazine" to now refer to a "shorter length magazine" as opposed to "an extended length magazine" thereby apprising one of ordinary skill in the art of the scope of the claims.

Applicant has more clearly defined the claims to refer to a device attached to an extended length magazine that enables that magazine to more effectively interact with a handgun. Applicant has also modified the drawings to more clearly identify the device from the pre-existing magazine and handgun. The pre-existing magazine and handgun as illustrated are now consistently dashed in the drawings.

Applicant has ensured the antecedent elements are identified before the element limitations are claimed using the "the" or "said" terminology.

35 U.S.C. 102 (b) Rejections

Applicant has rewritten the independent claim to include the limitation of the second piece having two opposing rails that slide into corresponding recessed grooves of the first piece and are locked by the means of buttons on the second piece's rails engaging corresponding holes in the first piece.

The present invention is therefore distinguished from Chesnut et al.(5,526,600). Chesnut discloses a channel (99) in the bumper plate (94) that captures a substantially continuous rim (120) Col. 6 Ln. 23 on the collar (92) Col. 6 Ln. 28-30. Rewritten claim 8 now goes beyond the mere reversal of the essential working parts of the Chesnut et al. capture method.

In W.L. Gore and Associates. v. Garlock, Inc., 721 F. 2d 1540, it was noted that for a 35 U.S.C Section 102 rejection - "[a]nticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration." The rails of the present application, used to lock together the first piece and second piece, find no comparable element or equivalent element in Chesnut et al.

New claims 9, 10, 11, and 12 now depend on rewritten claim 8 that is now distinguishable from Chesnut et al.

35 U.S.C. 103 (a) Rejection

The cited patent (Chesnut 5,526,600) discloses a magazine, a baseplate, a follower body, a compression spring, a collar and a bumper plate, interacting together to form an extended length magazine for use in a 0.45 caliber or other type of handgun.

The Applicant discloses and claims a device that allows any pre-existing extended length magazine to be adapted for use in a handgun designed to accept a non-extended length magazine. Applicant's convenient two-piece snap together invention would not be obvious to anyone familiar with the Chestnut reference. The amended claimed subject matter now explicitly includes a locking mechanism using rails and locking buttons on said rails that are captured by

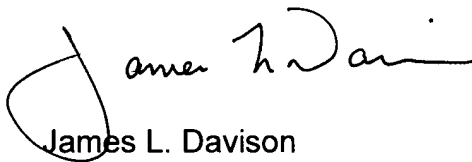
holes in the corresponding main body of the adapter device. It would not have been obvious for someone reading Chesnut et al. to, instead of building an entire useable extended magazine and capturing the collar and bumper of said magazine by using a peripheral rim on the collar with a flexible channel on the bumper, build a simple two-piece device adapter that snaps together in a perpendicular direction from the reference and that uses rails and capture buttons.

The other prior art made of record by the examiner and not relied upon has been considered and found distinguishable from the Applicant's claims as now amended.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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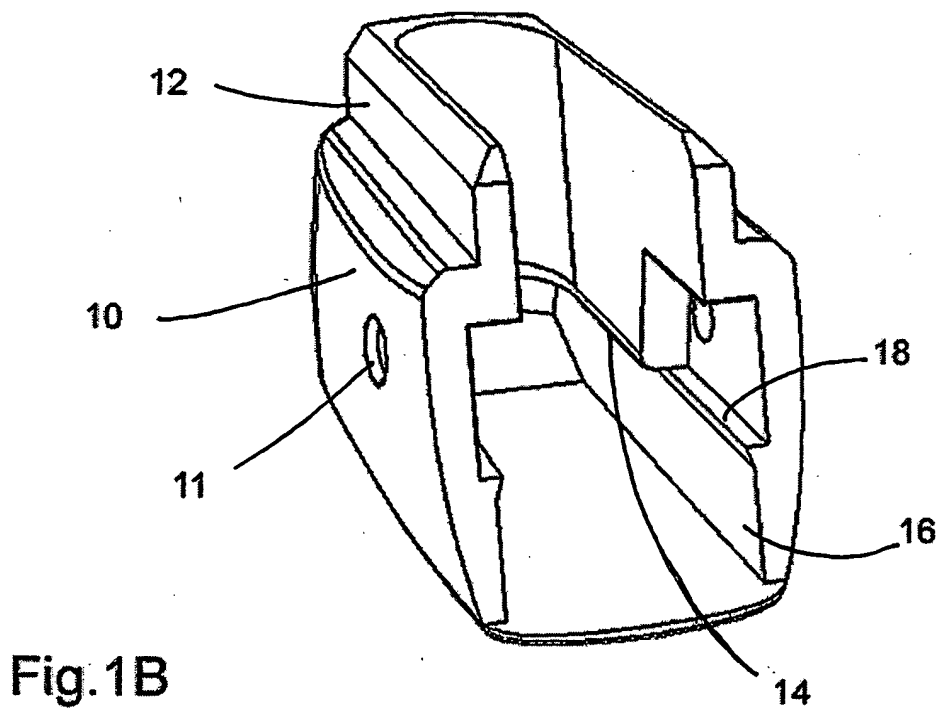
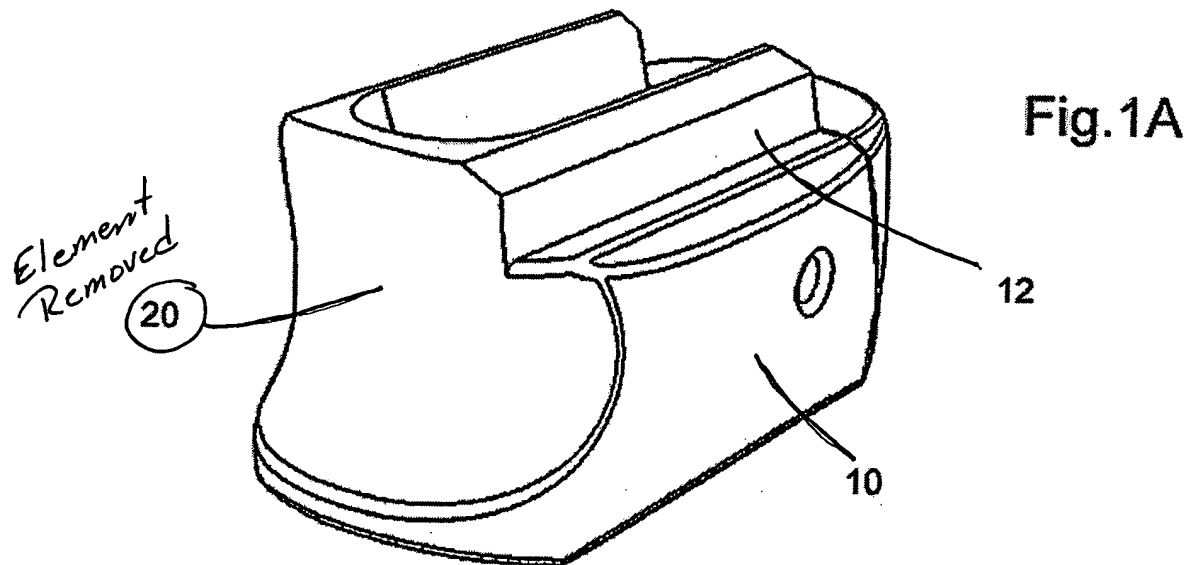
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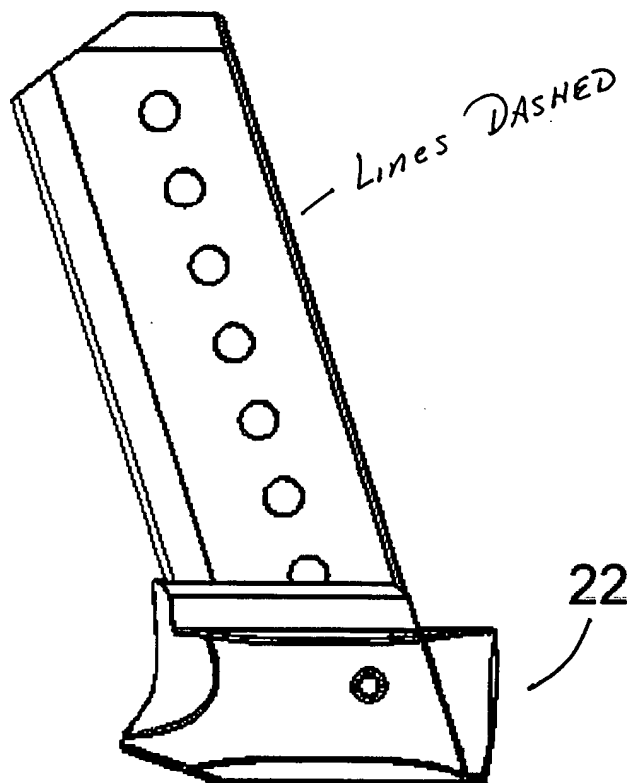
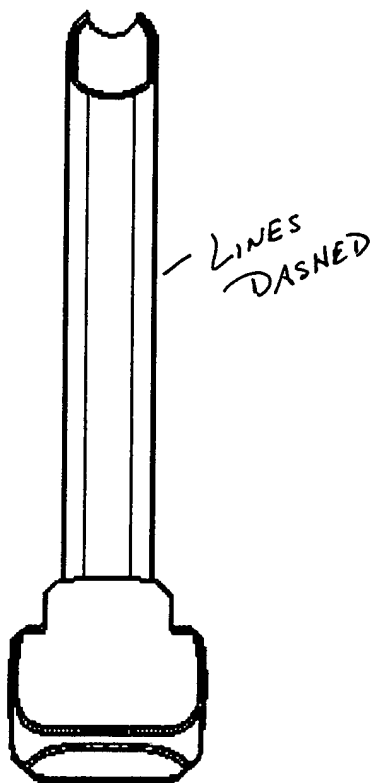
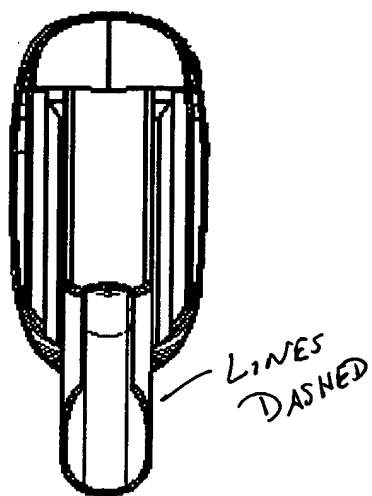


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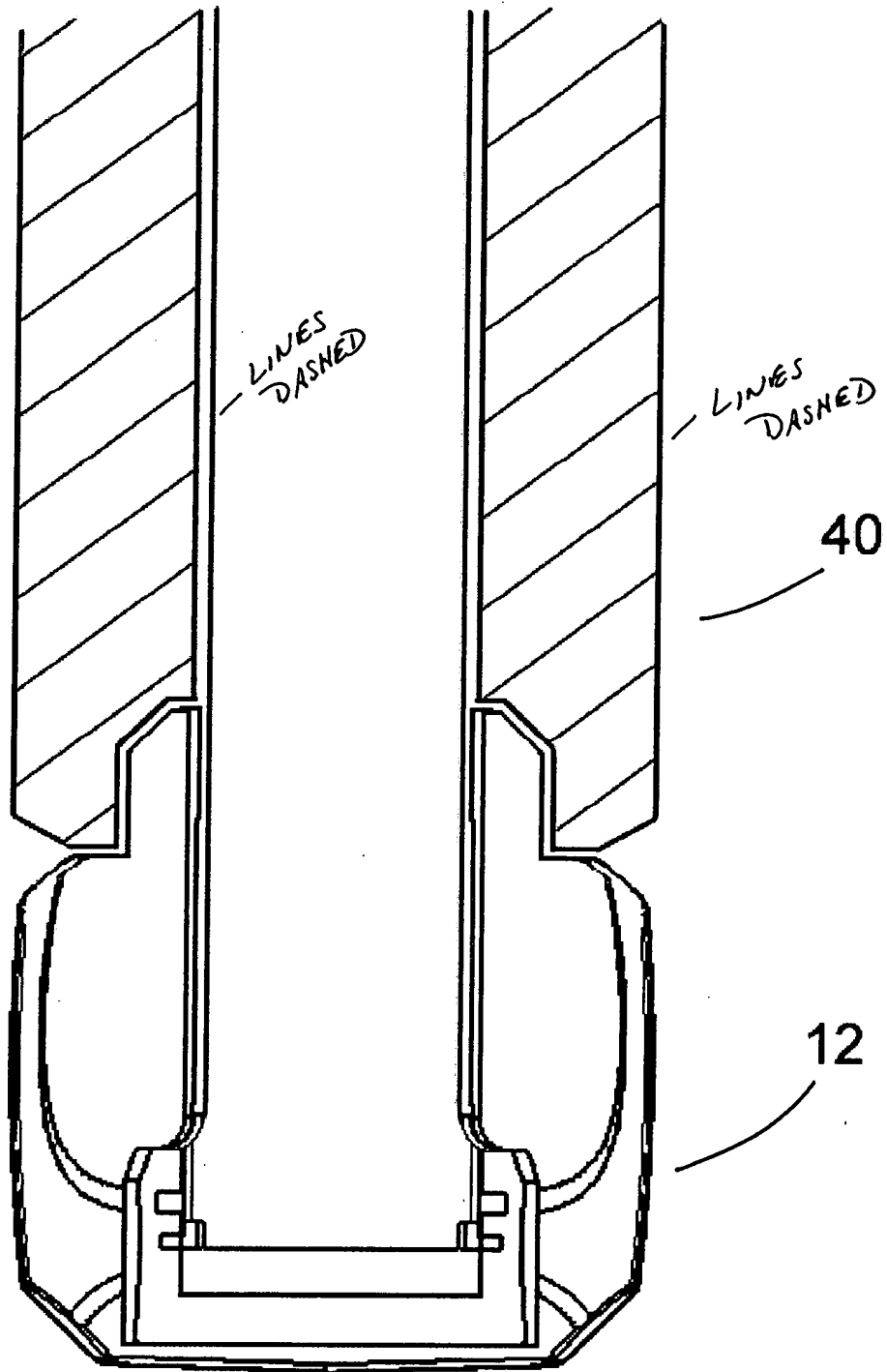


Fig. 5